

My name is Donna Calvo. I oppose bills SB No. 184 & HB No. 5262

In 2020 my dad was a permanent resident of Apple Rehab in Watertown, CT. Since it was during Covid we had outdoor visits. During our visits he brought his mail outside to review with me. One day he had his absentee ballot which he asked me to help him fill out, because as you all know there are specific directions. He completed it, and I ensured that it was sealed as the directions required. It could have been mailed, dropped off to a drop box in front of Town Hall or brought inside the Town Hall. I drove it to the Watertown Town Hall and brought it inside to the Town Clerk's office because I had a few questions. I asked how they can ensure that my dad actually filled out his absentee ballot and that no one else had instead. I was told that due to Covid, the Registrar of Voters (both Democrat & Republican) could not go into the facility as they always had to ensure the residents completed the ballots themselves. At the time there were more than 100 residents at this facility alone. There are no guarantees these absentee ballots or any absentee ballots were completed in good faith.

This leads me to today - There are no longer outdoor visits due to Covid. Mask wearing is dwindling and not mandatory in most instances. Schools are back to in-person classes. Churches are holding in-person services. The State of the Union Address was held in person and without masks; However, both of these Bills are proposing to once again mail absentee ballots to all Connecticut residents.

I not only vehemently oppose both of these bills but also believe that protocols and security protections must be put in place to prevent voter fraud for the integrity of future Connecticut elections.

Please vote NO!!! Thank you.

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